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COUNTRY	<u>Soviet Zone of Germany</u>		REPORT
TOPIC	<u>Doeberitz Airfield</u>		50X1
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED		
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1. Forty to fifty single-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines were parked in rows of 3 to 10 in front of the hangars on the southern and southwestern border of the doeberitz (N 53/ Z 65) airfield between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on 27 January 1950. The weather was clear but hazy. Some of the hangars were open. Most of the aircraft were covered with tarpaulins, some of them were being revved up and then recovered. Three aircraft were parked on the western border of the field, one of them having the number "1" on the rudder assembly. In contrast to the other aircraft at the field, these craft had angular cockpits with their antenna rods fixed, not in front, but in the middle.
2. Some tank trucks went from the hangars on the southern border of the field to a fuel dump assumed to be located on the northern border. One of these trucks [redacted] A 50X1-HUM bus crossed the landing field on its way to the hangars. A junk yard with unidentified wrecked Soviet aircraft was in the southwestern corner of the field.
3. There was local flying with 11 single-engine ground attack aircraft between 10:30 a.m. and noon on 10 February 1950. About 40 more planes of the same type were covered with tarpaulins parked in front of the hangars on the southern border of the field. The planes engaged in flying [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] The wing tips were partly rounded, partly cut off. It was observed for the first time that some of the planes had a small directional loop antenna fitted forward of the rudder assembly. A soldier posted near the landing T gave [redacted] to the landing aircraft. [redacted]

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4. Forty-seven aircraft were counted in front of the hangars on the southern border of the Doeberitz airfield on 10 February 1950. These planes were parked in such a way that another 20 to 30 aircraft could not be distinctly seen. Flying was in full swing at 8:30 a.m. Only local flights were performed. Flying was stopped about 1 p.m. Some of the landings were performed in a very poor manner. All the parked aircraft were covered with tarpaulins.

5. Description of aircraft:

Low-wing monoplane fitted with one in-line engine, three-bladed propeller with red hub, two-seat cockpit projecting high above the fuselage, armament pointing to the rear, antenna rod fitted at front of cockpit, landing gear and tail wheel retractable, white stripe on both sides of the rudder assembly. Four installed weapons were observed, two about 20-mm cannons projecting about 50 cm from the wings and two more synchronized cannons mounted in the fuselage below the engine.

6. A large three-axle radio track with an about 6-meter rod antenna, two tank trucks from which the aircraft were refueled, an ambulance and a fire truck were parked near the take-off point on the western border of the field. An observation tower, about three meters high and occupied by officers, was also seen there. The take-off and landing directions were marked by red flags.

7. A fuel dump was on the northern border of the field. The following motor vehicles were observed at the field and near the quarters north of it:

truck  
truck, loaded with loaves of bread  
truck  
truck with trailer  
tank truck  
truck.

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Comment:

a. The data on the number of aircraft observed at the field and the descriptions of these planes are roughly in agreement. It is assumed that the observed planes were IL-2s and IL-10s (different configuration of wings, different arrangement of antenna rods and landing gear). The majority of the planes seem to have been IL-10s.

b. From the number of aircraft stationed there, the field is assumed to still be occupied by the same ground attack regiments.

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